



Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners  
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**Legislative Analysis**

**Community Empowerment and Economic  
Revitalization Committee**

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1.	2(A)	Capital Development Projects Funded with CDBG funds	<p>This resolution directs the County Manager to identify all capital development projects which were allocated 2006 Community Block Grant Dollars, and recommend alternate sources to fund those projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Manager is also directed to prepare an amendment to the FY2006 Action Plan reflecting the recapture of all CDBG funds allocated to capital development projects.</li> <li>The Manager shall consider, among other funding sources, <i>General Obligation Bonds</i> to fund the capital development projects.</li> <li>The Manager will return to the Board of County Commissioners with a report identifying all possible funding sources to fund capital development projects during the 2006-2007 Budget Process.</li> </ul>	<p><b>What type of “capital development” projects will be affected by this resolution?</b></p> <p><b>Has the department compiled a list of projects which will be affected by this ordinance?</b></p> <p><b>What alternate sources of funding might be tapped to satisfy this resolution besides GOB funds?</b></p>	JTS
2.	3(A)	Amending Section of the County Code relating to the Luxury Limousine Sedan lottery	<p>This ordinance makes the following amendments to the County Code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chapter 31, Article VI, Sec. 31-603 (a)(i):</b> Allows for the issuance of 42 luxury limousine sedan licenses per year in 2006, 2007, and 2008. (126 licenses in total over the three-year period)</li> <li><b>Chapter 31, Article VI, Sec. 31-603 (c)(v):</b> Two-thirds (28 per year) of the licenses issued will go to those who currently hold valid limo for-hire licenses. One-third (14 per year) will go to new applicants, including providers of taxi-cab services.</li> <li><b>Chapter 8CC, Sec. 8CC-10:</b> Increases the penalty for violating the out-of-county origin provisions from \$500 per occurrence to \$1,000 for the first violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation.</li> </ul>	<p>Currently, there are 493 luxury limousine for-hire licenses in Miami-Dade County.</p> <p><b>The new licenses will be awarded through a lottery system. Once a lottery participant is awarded a license, the cost of the license is \$625 which is prorated based on when the car is put into service.</b></p> <p>Currently the code stipulates that 1/3 of the new licenses would be awarded to current luxury limo license holders, 1/3 would go towards taxicab license holders and 1/3 to the general public.</p> <p>The amendment would group the taxicab and general public applications together and allocate only 1/3 to this group, or 14 per year. <b>Could this potentially limit new limo owners from entering the market?</b></p>	JTS



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3.	<b>3(B)</b>	Extending Timeframe for Taxicab Study to Dec. 2006	<p>This Ordinance would amend Chapter 31, Article II, Sec. 31-82, of the County Code to extend the completion date of a taxicab study. The study was mandated by Ordinance 04-104, adopted by the Board on May 11, 2004.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The study is to help determine how many taxicab licenses are to be issued beginning in 2007, which begins a new series for the taxicab lottery.</li> <li>• The original completion date for the study was March 2006, and was to be submitted to the Board in June 2006.</li> <li>• The new completion date would be December 2006.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Currently, the Consumer Services Department has a draft version of the taxicab study, and held one workshop on the study's findings in May 2006. However, the department plans to continue to workshop the item with affected industries, agencies and various municipalities before presenting to final document to the Board of County Commissioners.</b></li> <li>• <b>The next scheduled workshop on the taxicab study is June 29, 2006.</b></li> <li>• <b>The amended date should not impact the next taxicab license lottery series which begins in 2007.</b></li> </ul>	JTS
4.	<b>3(C)</b>	Temporary Limo Licenses for the Super Bowl and Special Events	<p>This ordinance amends Chapter 31, Article VI, Sec. 31-613 of the County Code relating the licensing and regulation of for-hire limousines, to allow the County Manager to set rules and regulations for the issuance of additional <i>temporary</i> limo licenses during special major events such as the Super Bowl, major award shows or “summits, political conventions and other major special events of national or international significance.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current supply of for-hire limousines: 493 luxury sedans, 37 stretch and 158 super stretch limos licensed in Miami-Dade.</li> <li>• This supply is depleted quickly during major events such as the Super Bowl, World Series, and MTV music awards shows.</li> <li>• The Board of County Commissioners has granted the County Manager the ability to issue temporary limo licenses during past Super Bowls. According to this item, the County Manager would not have to come back before the Board for future events to request for the power to issue temporary licenses.</li> <li>• Temporary licenses for the Super Bowl would be valid for 2 weeks.</li> <li>• Temporary licensees for all other major events would be valid for a time period set by the Consumer Services Department</li> <li>• Application fees are \$100 per vehicle, and \$100 per company that does not already hold a license in Miami-Dade County.</li> </ul>	JTS
5.	<b>3(D)</b>	Amending rate schedule for private ambulance providers	<p>This resolution would</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the Basic Life Support (BLS) rate charged by private ambulance providers from \$230 to \$256.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This item presents a BLS rate change of 11.34%.</li> <li>• The industry recommends changing the rate to \$330, and such a rate change may come back before the Board of County</li> </ul>	JTS



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a new “BLS Emergency” rate at \$330; for three years after the adoption of this resolution, the BLS Emergency rate will be automatically adjusted to the same amount as the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue BLS rate every time that the Fire Rescue BLS rate changes.</li> <li>The last BLS rate change was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 16, 2004.</li> </ul>	<p>Commissioners in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently five of eight of the largest Florida counties have a BLS rate of \$330 or more.</li> </ul>	
6.	4(A)	Responsible Wages and Benefits on County Construction Contracts	This Resolution and Administrative Order approve and implement the amendments to Administrative Order 3-24 pertaining to responsible wages and benefits on County construction contracts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On November 3, 2005, the BCC approved amendments to Section 2-11.16 of the Miami-Dade County Code to ensure that laborers and mechanics received responsible wages by closing loopholes that existed in the current Code and to provide stiffer penalties for contractors who did not abide by the revised Code.</li> </ul>	BM
7.	4(B)	Approving transfer of the non-exclusive cable television license of BellSouth Entertainment, LLC to AT&T, Inc.	<p>The resolution approves the request to transfer of control of the non-exclusive cable television license of BellSouth Interactive Media, Inc. to AT&amp;T, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The license shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of Resolution No. R-393-97.</li> <li>This is part of the national transaction in which AT&amp;T is acquiring BellSouth for \$67 billion.</li> <li>BellSouth has 6,000 cable subscribers in Miami-Dade County (1% of the market)</li> <li>License will be extended by 6 months to October 17, 2007 to coincide with some other cable licenses (Adelphia, Atlantic Broadband)</li> </ul>	<b>Federal law requires County action within 120 days of request, which puts the deadline at July 29, 2006; without action from the Board of County Commissioners, approval of the application becomes automatic.</b>	JTS



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8.	<b>4(C)</b>	Sale of 33 County Owned Lots for Infill Housing Bid No. 8	<p>This Resolution declares surplus a total of 33 County-owned lots and authorizes the sale of said lots pursuant to Invitation to Bid No. 8, to the following developers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 lots to GOL Marketing, LLC., for \$60,000</li> <li>• 9 lots to MD Developers, LLC., for \$272,272</li> <li>• 4 lots to GEC Investment, Inc., for \$128,000</li> <li>• 11 lots to VES Enterprises, Inc., for \$364,034.22</li> <li>• 5 lots to All State Florida Builders, Inc., for \$110,000</li> <li>• 2 lots to Lanes and Company, Inc., for \$49,985</li> </ul> <p>This Resolution also authorizes the Mayor to execute County Deeds and authorizes the County Manager to execute a “Special Release of Lien Relative to Infill Housing Initiative of Miami-Dade County.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A report on the infill housing program was presented and approved by the Board of County Commissioners on June 6, 2006. The report revealed inconsistencies in the program’s record keeping.</b></li> <li>• <b>Should the county continue to sale infill lots while there are outstanding questions concerning the infill housing program?</b></li> <li>• <b>Have any of these developers participated in the Infill Housing Program in the past? What is the status of prior development?</b></li> </ul>	BM
9.	<b>4(D)</b>	Miami-Dade Housing Agency’s (MDHA) Section 8 Administrative Plan	This Resolution approves revisions to the MDHA Section 8 Administrative Plan, authorizes the County Manager to submit the Plan to USHUD for final approval and authorizes the MDHA Director to modify and approves changes to the Plan as required by regulatory amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDHA has established specific standards in accordance with the federal “One Strike” rule.</li> <li>• MDHA is now using the Enterprise Income Verification Program to verify the accuracy of income reported by Section 8 participants.</li> <li>• MDHA has developed or revised various policies to include better communication with the participants in the program.</li> </ul>	BM
10.	<b>4(E)</b>	Miami-Dade Housing Agency’s (MDHA) 2006-2007 Public Housing Agency Plan	This Resolution approves the MDHA 2006-2007 Public Housing Agency Plan and authorizes the County Manager to submit the Plan for final approval to USHUD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDHA is required to submit a five-year plan which includes the following: an initial annual plan to be revised and updated annually, mission statement, goals and objectives, programs and services.</li> <li>• MDHA’s second five-year plan, from October 2005 through September 2010 and the initial annual plan for 2005-2006 were approved June 7, 2005 by the Board of County Commissioners.</li> </ul>	BM



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11.	<b>4(F)</b>	Allocation of \$1,160,000 from Surtax Funds to Santa Clara Apartments	This Resolution allocates \$1,160,000 of Surtax funds to Santa Clara Apartments II, Ltd. The Santa Clara Apartments were developed by The Carlisle Group and is located in District 3 and is fully leased. The development consists of 204 mixed income rentals housing families earning 30%-60% of the area median income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This development was awarded \$2 million of Surtax 2005 funds. The Affordable Housing Advisory Board approved this recommendation at its November 9, 2005 meeting. <b>Why has it taken so long to come before Committee?</b></li> <li>The funding gap was created by hurricane related construction delays and higher construction costs. This development was impacted by 5 hurricanes.</li> <li><b>Staff is currently compiling information regarding available Surtax funds and uses.</b></li> </ul>	BM
12.	<b>5(A)</b>	Allocating \$300,000 of General Fund Reserve for Public Campaign Financing to The Related Group – The Loft Ltd.	This item approves the allocation of \$300,000 from the General Fund Reserve for Public Campaign Financing to the Related Group for the development of the Loft at K Place, 230-234 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is this the proper source of funding to cover the financing of this housing development?</b></li> </ul>	JTS
13.	<b>8(A)</b>	Seaport Access/Freight Stakeholders Forum Report	The Port of Miami held a Seaport Access/Freight Stakeholders Forum on May 3, 2006, to discuss solutions to the heavily congested traffic in and out of the Port.	There were many suggestions from the community and port stakeholders that will be reviewed for implementation in future plans for port access improvement.	BM
14.	<b>8(B)</b>	Recommendations for Safeguards related to changes in ownership of companies at the Port of Miami	The BCC approved Resolution 566-06 requesting amendments, to Chapter 28A of the Code of Miami-Dade County, that would increase security safeguards related to changes in ownership of companies holding stevedore permits at the Port of Miami.	Recommendations for amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90-day advance notice and request to the Port of any change in ownership and/or control, followed by Seaport Department and Office of the Inspector General review prior to approval;</li> <li>Include provision for BCC to approve any such change of ownership. <i>Currently, the Port Director has approval discretion.</i></li> </ul>	BM

